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William O. Douglass Named to U.S. Bench

SEC Chairman, 40, Named to Succeed Brandt's; Appointee Former Yale Law Professor, Native of Minnesota

Washington, March 20.—William O. Douglass, 40-year-old chairman of the Securities Commission, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

If the nomination is confirmed, by the senate, Douglass will succeed the veteran Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who retired February 13, after 23 years on the high tribunal.

Although there had been a widespread demand for appointment of a westerner to fill the court vacancy, Douglass, a former Yale law professor, was appointed from Connecticut. However, Douglass was born in Minnesota and received his schooling in Washington state.

Consistent New Dealer
Douglass is known as a consistent New Deal supporter.

Recently, he denounced as a "phony" a proposal from the stock exchange to change its trading rules.

This was President Roosevelt's fourth appointment in less than two years to the nine-man court. There was no vacancy during his first term.

Another vacancy would permit him to name a majority of the bench. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes will be 77 on April 11, Justice James C. Reynolds already is 77, and Justice Peice Butler is 72.

There has been speculation over the possibility of McReynolds leaving the bench, but some of his friends believe he will remain until after the 1940 presidential election in the hope that an anti-New Dealer will be elected to appoint his successor when he retired.

Douglass has been chairman of the Securities Commission, which regulates the security market since 1936.

Opposed Proposal
Since the Administration began its current effort to reassure and stimulate business, the commission relaxed its rules concerning short sales of securities. Douglass balked indignantly a few days ago, however, at a proposal from the national exchanges to make further changes in trading.

Sunday and Monday night, Mar. 26th and 27th will bring to the Community Theatre, Keystone, the great film, "MEN WITH WINGS;" a film no one should allow to come to our town without seeing at least once. On Sunday night only "JEZEBEL" will be shown. Adv.

NEGROES OF GEORGIA GIVE BLACK-EYE TO GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT

Readers, permit us to invite you to read How Negroes in Georgia are handling the Fictitious Relief Cry all Over the land. Read the article on page three of this issue of this publication and see what Negroes way down in Georgia have done and are still doing. This is proof of the fact that millions of people have been and are paying out their hard-earned money for shiftless, worthless and wantonly-lazy element who delight to see their political rights guaranteed to those who are not too lazy to sweat for their bread instead of being the recipients of pittance of bread and butter at a sacrifice of independent manhood.

NORTHFORK NEWS

Attorney Leon P. Miller, of Welch, will address the Elk's Study Club on the Elk Hall here Sunday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock.

Music will be furnished by the male quartet of Maybeury and Mrs. Thelma Witcher and daughter of Gilliam.

Little Evon Prunty, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. U. H. Prunty, is recuperating at her home following an operation in the Providence hospital.

Mrs. S. B. Brown, of Jenkins Jones, spent several days in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Many miners and employees generally can easily be found around Northfork stores, houses of amusement when there is no work announced by the surrounding coal operations.

Dr. Washington's drug store usually is very much crowded. Patrons reply: "We receive good and courteous treatment good and courteous treatment." Here is the reason we patronize the Northfork Drug Store.

New Pawnbrokers Store

Worthwhile place to visit, there you may find our well-known Jerry Cline, genial, sociable and affable. He is better known as a tailor. No man can handle and comfortably enter the door of this store and leave without having purchased something especially, if he sees, and talks to Jerry Cline, the proprietor of this store is equal to any and all occasions because Mr. Aaron Freedman has and holds out-stretched arms of welcome to any and all people.

Expressed by Signs
An ancient book on love-making, speaking of the problem of the girl not declaring herself "because of her too great modesty," permits the swain to sigh before her; "for a true passion cannot be better expressed than by a sigh when it escapes from the bottom of the heart. So let him not be too profuse of his talk, but let a few sighs supply the vacancies of discourse."

Negro Is Elected to UAW Board

Detroit, Mich.—UNP—At the end of a five-day convention held last week by the Homer Martin faction of the United Automobile Workers, Floyd Evans, of Cleveland, was chosen board member-at-large to fill the position provided by the amending of the faction's constitution.

As a result of the constitution amendment the provision was made that one member of the executive board should be a Negro. Martin described the amendment as a "great step forward" in labor relations.

STATE DEPT. OF EDUCATION TO BRING ARTIST TO STATE

To teachers and parent-teacher organizations throughout W. Va., and friends:

Dear fellow workers:

We are trying to promote art among the schools of our state, and we are bringing back into the state the internationally famous artist, William Edouard Scott, of Chicago, who visited some of our schools during the month of April, 1938. Mr. Scott will be in the state about the middle of April. At this time he will lecture and exhibit before some of the high schools he missed on his first trip and will paint a number of West Virginia scenes, as well as the portraits of some of our outstanding characters, one of who will be W. W. Sanders.

By far, one of the most outstanding characters of the state, is Dr. W. W. Sanders, the first Negro in the world to be appointed as State Supervisor of Negro schools. Moreover, he is the founder of our State Congress of Parents and Teachers. Pres. Lillian Trigg, one of the West Virginia Congress of Negro Parents and Teachers, is co-sponsoring this effort with me. It occurs to me that we ought to have his portrait done and adequately hung in the statehouse, in the offices of the State Supervisor of Negro Schools. Very likely this will be the first portrait of a man of color to be hung in the capitol of any state in our country.

I believe the teachers of the state and the parent-teacher organizations would like to participate in this effort to have this famous artist paint the portrait of Dr. Sanders. I, therefore, join with the President of the state congress of Parents and Teachers who is sponsoring this effort to have the portrait of Dr. Sanders painted. His portrait and a companion painting of some outstanding scene in West Virginia should be done and presented to the state house as a gift of the profession and of the friends of Dr. W. W. Sanders.

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NAACP ASKS SINGER TO REFUSE BOARD OK

Singer Requested to Refuse Use of Central High School Auditorium Because of Strings to the Offer by the Board

New York, March 13.—The Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, meeting in its regular monthly session at the organization's headquarters, 69 Fifth Avenue, passed unanimously the following resolution, Monday afternoon, March 13.

"The Board of Directors of the NAACP expresses vigorous disapproval of the shameful conditions under which the of Columbia granted use of the Central high school auditorium for a concert by Miss Marian Anderson on April 9th. The conditions imposed, which would require of Miss Anderson and her management that they never again ask for the use of a so-called 'white' school auditorium in the District of Columbia and that the use of such an auditorium not be asked for by any other Negro artists, are impertinence of the most shameful sort. We wish to remind the Bd. of Education of the District of Columbia that they are the public servants of all the people.

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JOE ASHWORTH TO MOVE TO BECKLEY; PERMANENT

Joe B. Ashworth, well-known local automobile dealer, left Sunday for Beckley where he has accepted a position with a Dodge and Plymouth agency.

Mr. Ashworth plans to make his future home in Beckley. His son, Edsel, who is a student in Welch grade school, left with his father and will enroll in the Beckley grade school where he will complete this year's school term. Another son, Darrell, who is a senior in Welch high school will join his father in Beckley in June.

Mr. Ashworth is widely known throughout this section, having spent most of his life in McDowell county. For a few years he was in the automobile business in Iaeger and later came to Welch and became associated with his brother in business.

Virginia Teachers Salary Fight Up April 20th in Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., March 17.—With the State Attorney General joining lawyers representing the local school board as defendant in a suit to compel the board to pay equal salaries to Negro and white school teachers doing the same work, announcement was made here this week by Assistant City Attorney Jonathan W. Old that the suit will be argued before Judge Allan R. Hancock in the circuit court here April 20.

Miss Kumari Paul Spending Spring Vacation in Keystone

Miss Kumari Paul, student of Northfield Seminary, is spending her spring vacation with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown with whom she is making her home while studying in America. Miss Paul, who is a native of Madras, South India, spoke Tuesday noon before a large gathering of the Missionary Society of the white Methodist church on an invitation extended her by Rev. Mooncy, the pastor. Miss Paul will return to school on March 31st.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS LOOKING FORWARD

Charleston, March 22.—Some persons here are beginning to rudely imply the 44th session of the legislature was strictly a "professor's legislature," with its program planned by brain trusters and jammed through by the bludgeoning of the all-powerful executive department of the state government.

The assumption that "professors" had more to do with it than anyone else, springs naturally from the executive sessions of the legislature's inter committee that worked so ard during the two years since the 1937 session to give delegates and senators a chance to meet for 90 days without doing a great deal of work.

The bulk of the legislature's program had been drafted by this interim committee, or, more properly, by the small coterie of intellectual college men who were called in to aid in straightening out the problems of judiciary reform, reform of probation and parole statutes, legislation to permit garnishment of public and private salaries and the ticklish six year old problem of adequate school financing.

It is hard to believe the stories told by some apologists for the state administration that the majority of the legislators were glad that the committee had met, had drafted this sweeping program before the session met.

In a word, most of the delegates and senators privately would express their opinion that they felt the interim committee was an infringement upon the constitutional powers of the legislature and, although they did not like it, they were afraid to express their opinions aloud for fear that the gigantic machine (administration) with its thousands of dollars collected from state workers, would be thrown against them if they tried to seek office again in 1940.

Senator George Jackson, Democrat, Lewis, neatly summed up the situation upon closing night when the resolution creating another interim committee was up for final vote. Said the Lewis countian, "I

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you vote for this resolution, you have made the interim committee a permanent fixture of the government and by a stroke of the pen you have wiped out the necessity for two houses of the legislature. There will come a time, my friends, when those who do not vote for the administration's program as proposed by these interim committees will be scratched off the list on the primary because they could not keep time with their rubber stamps."

These administration apologists will say, in the same breath, viewing it with speechless horror any attempt of the administration to circumvent or crush the powers of the legislative branch, that it was still the right of the legislature to reject the administration's interim committee to reject the administration's interim committee plan.

That somehow accounts for the greasiest and most sickening argument that can be made in defense of the diet of "canned" legislation that members of the 44th legislature had to eat.

Realizing how powerful and vital, how ruthless the administration machine happens to be, those senators and delegates who had some slight hope of opposing some of the administration bills that would centralize to much power here in the state capitol as in the case of the interim school bills, remember the bulging war chests that the administration can raise in each election by assessments upon salaries of state employees, the far-flung organization that exists through the field employees of the state department of public assistance, the state fire marshal's office, the liquor commission branches in each town and a hundred of similar agencies. It would be folly, in the opinion of legislators, for a lone member of the house of delegates or a lone senator to oppose such a colossal array of money and votes.

Wisely, they kept their mouths shut. But, by so doing, the entire responsibility for the whole program passed by the 44th legislature can be placed at the proper doorstep — the front porch of the Holt state administration.

WELCH COLORED NEWS

Miss Lenora Byers, spent the week-end with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Byers. She left Sunday evening for Johnson City, Tenn., where she will resume her work.

Goldie Gunn of Gary, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Fanny Jerrill Sunday.

Fall Fatal to Prominent Doctor And Coal Operator; Falls at Beckley Country Club; Was McDowell First Health Officer

Dr. J. H. McCulloch, 53-year-old coal operator and practicing physician of Beckley, formerly McDowell county health officer, died Saturday night of a fractured skull after he fell down a flight of steps at the Back Knight country club at Beckley.

Dr. A. U. Tieche, brother-in-law of Dr. McCulloch and his associate in business, reported death caused by a fractured skull after an examination. It was at first believed Dr. McCulloch had suffered a heart attack.

Dr. McCulloch was an associate in the Beckley hospital and was president and general manager of the Lillybrook Coal company. He was also vice-president of the Raleigh Smokeless Coal company and a director of the Bank of Raleigh.

The family in Ronceverte for a basketball tournament, was notified there.

Dr. McCulloch practiced in Welch for a number of years, having his offices on the third floor of the McDowell County Bank building.

He served as the first health officer of McDowell county and was later appointed the first examiner for the Workmen's Compensation department by Gov. H. D. Hatfield.

Appointed by Governor H. D. Hatfield as the first examiner of the Workmen's Compensation Department, which was fathered by Dr. Hatfield and which is one of the most widely recognized and highly approved piece of legislation ever put on the statute books of West Virginia, and Dr. McCulloch made an enviable reputation for himself and the state for his impartiality and vigilant service.

REJECTS FORTUNE

Memphis Tenn., March 16.—Dr. J. B. Martin, wealthy druggist and sportsman, spurned a fortune offered him by the city for property allegedly wanted for a slum clearance project.

The property concerned includes the city's only colored baseball park, home of the Memphis Red Sox, members of the Negro American League.

Dr. Martin reads into the poverty offer an attempt on the part of the whites to get rid of the Red Sox, who are beginning to outdraw the local white professional team.

Cathedral Honors Explorer
Natives have constructed a cathedral honoring David Livingstone, the explorer, on the island of Likoma in Lake Nyasa, in Africa.